



# FROSTBURG CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Traffic Stop Grounds and Data

### **I. Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit race-based traffic stops and to serve as a management tool for promoting nondiscriminatory law enforcement, training, and counseling of officers, all in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Transportation Article 25, Section 113 and other applicable law.

### **II. Policy:**

- A. It is the policy of the Frostburg City Police Department that all investigative and enforcement traffic stops will be based on articulable and constitutionally valid suspicion or grounds.
- B. It is the policy of the Frostburg City Police Department that investigative and enforcement traffic stops shall not be based solely on a person's race or ethnicity.
- C. This policy shall not be construed to alter the authority of a law enforcement officer to make an arrest, conduct a search or seizure, or otherwise fulfill the officer's law enforcement obligations.
- D. It is the policy of the Frostburg City Police Department that a police officer shall record traffic stop data as required by law and delineated below.

### **III. Procedure:**

- A. A Police Officer who conducts an enforcement traffic stop shall complete the required data in the Delta Plus System, or, if the system is unavailable or there is a technical problem or the stop is investigative or other in nature and for fields not included in Delta Plus, the officer shall include the following data in the incident report:
  - 1. The date, location, and time of the stop;
  - 2. The approximate duration of the stop;
  - 3. The traffic violation or violations alleged to have been committed that led to the stop;
  - 4. Whether a search was conducted as a result of the stop;
  - 5. If a search was conducted, the reason for the search, whether the search was consensual or nonconsensual, whether a person was searched, and whether a person's property was searched;
  - 6. Whether any contraband or other property was seized in the course of the search;



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7. Whether a warning, safety equipment repair order, or citation was issued as a result of the stop;
8. If a warning, safety equipment repair order, or citation was issued, the basis for issuing the warning, safety equipment repair order, or citation;
9. Whether an arrest was made as a result of either the stop or the search;
10. If an arrest was made, the crime charged;
11. The state in which the stopped vehicle is registered;
12. The gender of the driver;
13. The date of birth of the driver;
14. The state and, if available on the driver's license, the county of residence of the driver; and
15. The race or ethnicity of the driver as:
  - i. Asian;
  - ii. Black;
  - iii. Hispanic;
  - iv. White; or
  - v. Other.

**Note:** Annotated Code of Maryland, Transportation Article, 25, Section 113.